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For FAMILIES and PRIVATE PERSONS, &c.

A Morning Prayer for a Family.

MOST Glorious and Eternal God, Thou art Righteous in all thy Ways, and Holy in all thy Works, infinite in Mercy and Goodneſs to all that call upon Thee in Truth, and haſt promiſed that where two or three are gathered together in thy Name, Thou wilt be in the Midſt of them: Look down, we beſeech Thee, upon us thy unworthy Servants, who are here before Thee, to preſent unto thy divine Majeſty the Morning Sacrifice of our unfeigned Praiſes; acknowledging, that in Thee we live, and move, and have our Being; and that from thy bountiful Hand we have

received all the good Things we enjoy, and by thy good Providence are defended from all the Evils we deserve. We desire, O Lord, in an humble Sense of thy great Goodness towards us, to bless and praise thy holy Name; particularly, we adore thy glorious Majesty for preserving us the Night past, for raising us up in Health and Safety, and giving us this Opportunity of calling upon thy Name.

Give us Grace, O Lord, we humbly beseech Thee, to make a right Use and Improvement of these, and all thy other Mercies; and grant, that we may henceforward live as becomes the Gospel of Christ, by denying all Ungodliness and worldly Lusts, and living soberly, righteously and godly in this present World.

And because we are not able of ourselves to please Thee, vouchsafe us, we beseech Thee, the Assistance of thy Holy Spirit, enabling us to withstand all the Enemies and Hindrances of our Salvation.

Enlighten our Understandings, that we may know Thee; sanctify our Affections, that we may love Thee; and put thy Fear into our Hearts, that we may dread to offend Thee: Convince

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us thoroughly, O Lord, of the great Evil of Sin, that we may endeavour in all Things to obey thy bleſſed Will, and to walk before Thee in all Holineſs and Righteouſneſs all our Days.

Wean our Affections, O Lord, from the Things of this World; and whatever our State and Condition may be here, give us Grace therewith to be content: In all our Paſſage through this Life, and our manifold Concerns about it, grant that in doing our Duty, we may make Thee our only Stay and Confidence, our Hope, and our Truſt, caſting all our Care upon Thee, and entirely reſigning ourſelves to thy good Pleaſure in all Things. Let our chief Aim and Endeavour be, to ſecure the Salvation of our Souls, and to provide for that Time, when all earthly Comforts ſhall vaniſh away.

A Prayer for God's Bleſſing and Protection the enſuing Day; to be ſaid every Day but Sunday.

We humbly commend ourſelves and all our Affairs, this Day, to thy Bleſſing and Protection. Enable us, O Lord, to diſcharge the Duties of our ſeveral Stations, and in all Things to keep a Conſcience void of Offence towards Thee, and towards Man. Be

with us in our going out, and coming in, that no Caſualty or evil Accident may come near to hurt us. Give us ſuch a Meaſure of Health, and other temporal Bleſſings, as thou ſeeſt beſt and moſt expedient for us; but above all Things give us thy Grace and Favour, that our Lives may be holy and comfortable here, and our eternal State happy and glorious with Thee hereafter; through the Merits, and for the Sake of thy dear Son JESUS CHRIST our Lord; in the fulleſt Senſe of whoſe Words, we commend the Wants and Neceſſities of all Mankind, together with our own.

OUR Father, which art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this Day our daily Bread. And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

This is to be used on Sunday *Morning, instead of the Prayer for* God's *Blessing.*

AND since Thou hast graciously brought us to this Day, on which Thou hast appointed us to rest from the Works of our Calling, and to keep holy to thy Service, we beseech Thee take us into thy holy Protection and Guidance. Grant us Grace to withdraw our Minds from the Cares, and Business, and Pleasures of this Life, and to set them on Things above, and on that Life we must live for ever, either in Happiness or Misery, according as we demean ourselves in this World, and make use of the Means of Grace Thou art pleased to afford us. Let us regularly attend thy Worship in the publick Assemblies of the Church; not out of Custom, but of true Devotion and Piety, and with due Regard to thy Glory, and the Salvation of our own Souls. To which End, let thy Holy Spirit accompany every one of us, and make us devout and serious in thy Service, and attentive in hearing thy holy Word read and preached. Let thy Holy Spirit direct him, whom Thou hast set over

us in the Lord, that by Soundneſs of Doctrine he may ſhew forth thy Glory, and ſet forward our Salvation.

And while we are at Home, let us employ our Time in Prayers and Praiſes, and Thankſgivings for thy Works of Creation and Redemption, and for thy particular Providence and Mercies to us, through the whole Courſe of our Lives; and in Reading and Meditating on thy holy Word, in order to amend our Lives thereby; and in inſtructing and furthering the Salvation of others; and in the Exerciſe of all other Works of Charity and Devotion, as we ſhall have Opportunity and Ability to perform them.

And grant, that in the Performance of theſe great and neceſſary Concerns of our Souls, no Sourneſs or Moroſeneſs may mingle therewith; but that we may ſhew ſuch a Chearfulneſs of Temper, and even Joy in the Holy Ghoſt, as may adorn the Chriſtian Profeſſion, and recommend the Goſpel to thoſe who are yet Strangers to the Power thereof. And mercifully grant, that by living holily in this and all the reſt of our Days, we may be admitted into thy everlaſting Kingdom, through

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JESUS CHRIST our Lord. In whoſe Name and Words we conclude our Prayers. *Our Father*, &c.

An Evening Prayer for a Family.

O Moſt glorious and ever bleſſed Lord God, who inhabiteſt Eternity, and dwelleſt in that Light which no mortal Eye can approach; we thy ſinful Servants kneeling before Thee, acknowledge that we are not worthy to appear in thy Preſence, nor ſo much as to lift up our Eyes to that Place of Purity where Thou dwelleſt.

O Lord, though we are thus unworthy to ſpeak unto Thee; yet ſo infinite and condeſcending is thy Goodneſs as to encourage our Addreſſes to Thee, by many gracious Promiſes of Favour and Acceptance. With humble Confidence then, O Lord, we preſume to approach the Throne of thy Grace; beſeeching Thee, in the Name, and for the Sake of thy beloved Son, to be merciful unto us in the Pardon and Forgiveneſs of all our Sins. We acknowledge, O Lord, that we have acted fooliſhly and wickedly, by doing thoſe Things which Thou haſt forbidden, and by neglecting to do thoſe

Things which Thou haſt commanded: O let that Mercy of Thine, which has ſpared us ſo long, lead us to Repentance, that we may forſake our evil Ways, and turn unto Thee the Lord our God.

Give us Grace, O Lord, ſeriouſly to conſider the great Work we have to do, and the Uncertainty of that Time which Thou haſt given us to perform it in; that we may not be ſo fooliſh as to conſume our Days in Vanity and Folly, in gratifying our corrupt Inclinations, and indulging our vicious Appetites.

Shew us the Foulneſs and Deformity of Sin, and poſſeſs our Minds with ſuch a lively Senſe of thoſe dreadful Threatnings Thou haſt denounced againſt it, that we may abhor and forſake every evil Way, and give up ourſelves to the Love and Obedience of thy Commandments, making it the great Study and Buſineſs of our Lives to ſerve and pleaſe Thee in all Things; ſo ſhall we be daily growing in Grace, and continually advancing towards an happy Eternity.

Give us honeſt and upright Hearts, ſuch as no Intereſt can ſeduce, no Advantage prevail upon, to depart from the Ways of Truth and Juſtice: And to that End, reſtrain us from all immo-

derate Desires of the Things of this World, from all Pride and Covetousness, from Envy, Hatred, and Malice, and from all Evil-speaking, Lying, and Slandering. O be Thou pleased so to conduct us by thy good Spirit, thro' all the Businesses and Employments, through all the Calamities and Troubles of this Life, that (whatever our Condition may be in this World) we may attain that Happiness which Thou hast prepared for them that truly love and obey Thee.

We beseech Thee to extend thy Mercy to the whole Race of Mankind. Have Pity upon all that know Thee not, and never heard of Thy Name; make the Light of thy glorious Gospel to shine among them, and visit them, O Lord, with thy Salvation. O! deliver us from all Ignorance, Error, and Profaneness, and grant us Grace and Eternal Life.

Be more especially gracious to this Church and Nation to which be belong; give us all Grace seriously to repent of the Evil of our Ways; and grant that Religion and Virtue, Peace and Charity, may for ever flourish and increase amongst us.

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Bleſs our Sovereign Lord King *George*, his Royal Highneſs *George* Prince of *Wales*, the Princeſs Dowager of *Wales*, the Duke, the Princeſſes, and all the Royal Family. Bleſs likewiſe all that are put in Authority both in Church and State; may all their Deſigns tend to the Advancement of thy Glory, and the Happineſs and Proſperity of theſe Kingdoms.

Look with Pity and Compaſſion, O Lord, upon all in Affliction and Temptation; ſtrengthen and ſupport them, and give them in thy good Time a happy Deliverance.

Be Merciful and Gracious, O GOD, to all our Relations, Friends, and Acquaintance, and to all that deſire or need our Prayers; forgive our Enemies, reward our Benefactors; and grant, that we and all thy People every where may ſerve Thee, from the higheſt to the loweſt, and be made Partakers of everlaſting Happineſs.

To theſe our Prayers and Interceſſions, we deſire likewiſe to add the Sacrifice of our unfeigned Praiſes to thy divine Majeſty, acknowledging it to be our bounden Duty and Service, at all Times, and in all Places, to give Thanks

unto Thee, O Lord; to whose infinite Goodness and Mercy, we owe all the Comforts of this Life, and all the Hopes and Expectations of a better. Blessed be thy Name, O GOD, for the Continuance of thy Mercies to us this Day, for providing for our Bodies, and taking Care for our Souls, and delivering us from those many Evils we have justly deserved: But above all, we bless and praise thy holy Name, for thine inestimable Love in the Redemption of the World by our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST. Continue to us thy gracious Favour and Protection, that no evil Accident may come near to hurt us. Give us quiet and refreshing Sleep, such as may fit us for the Duties of the Day following: And if Thou art pleased to add another Day to our Lives, grant that we may improve it to thy Glory, and the Benefit of our precious Souls, and to the promoting the Good of our Neighbour, as we have Opportunity, through JESUS CHRIST our blessed Lord and only Saviour, who in Compassion to our Infirmities hath taught us thus to pray:

Our Father, &c.

A Prayer that may be added, when any are Sick in a Family.

WE beſeech Thee, O Lord, to be merciful and gracious to *him* of this Family, viſited with Sickneſs; and grant, that *he* and we may bear the ſame patiently, and with due Submiſſion to thy holy Will, conſidering that it is thy Doing. And alſo that *he* and we remembring our true State, and that Account we muſt give to Thee, our righteous Judge, may ſeriouſly examine ourſelves and our Eſtates, both towards Thee, and towards Men; ſo that by accuſing and condemning ourſelves for our own Faults, and by rectifying, as far as by thy Grace we are able, what we find amiſs, none of us may be accuſed and condemned at that fearful Judgment.

And foraſmuch as all Means uſed for *his* Recovery will be in vain, without thy Bleſſing; we beſeech Thee to bleſs them to *him*, that by the Help thereof, and thy Favour, *he* may recover *his* bodily Health, if it be thy bleſſed Will, and by thy Grace, may make a due Uſe of this Affliction, by living all the Remainder of *his* Life

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faithfully, according to thy Will. Grant this for Jesus Christ's Sake. *Amen.*

This is to be added when there is any Danger of Death.

But if Thou shalt please to remove *him* hence, let it not be without true Repentance, and thy gracious Pardon of all *his* Sins; renew in *him*, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the Fraud or Malice of the Devil, or by *his* own carnal Will and Frailness; withdraw *his* Mind and Heart from all Things here below, and set them on Thee, and those Things which are above; let *him* chearfully resign all that belong unto *him*, or depend on *him*, into thy Hands, and grant *him* perfect Resignation to thy holy Will.

Preserve *him* in the Faith and Limits of thy holy Church, and grant *him* perfect Love and Charity with all the World. Accept *his* Prayers, most gracious and merciful GOD; consider *his* Sorrows, and assuage *his* Pains, and strengthen *him* with thy holy Spirit in the inner Man: Grant *him* Peace of Conscience, and a well-grounded Hope and Confidence in thy Mercy, through

JESUS

JESUS CHRIST our Saviour; and that the ſecond Death may have no Power over *him*; but that to *him* an Entrance may be granted into thy everlaſting Kingdom, thro' the Merits of CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

A Morning Prayer for a Perſon in private.

O Moſt gracious GOD, who art the Author of all the good Things that I enjoy; in Thee I live, and move, and have my Being: And to thy good Providence I muſt aſcribe it, that I am now in Health and Safety; that I have enjoyed the comfortable Refreſhments of the Night paſt: and that none of thoſe Evils which I have juſtly deſerved, have come nigh me or my Dwelling: For theſe, O Lord, and all thy other Mercies, I deſire, in an humble Senſe of thy great Goodneſs, to adore and praiſe thy glorious Name.

I confeſs, O Lord, that I am not worthy of the Mercies Thou haſt beſtowed upon me. My Tranſgreſſions are great, and have been often repeated: But, O merciful Father, let not my Sins provoke

provoke Thee to leave me to my own Folly and Weakneſs. I lament and bewail before Thee the Corruption of my Nature, and know not where to fly for Relief and Succour, but unto Thee.

Forgive, I humbly pray Thee, whatever I have done amiſs; and ſo arm me for the Time to come with the powerful Aſſiſtances of thy Grace, that I may be enabled to overcome all the Temptations of the World, the Fleſh, and the Devil, and to walk worthy of that holy Name whereby I am called; denying all Ungodlineſs and worldly Luſts, and living ſoberly, righteouſly, and godlily in this preſent World.

Grant, O Lord, that as I have devoted myſelf to the Service of CHRIST JESUS, ſo I may walk in his Commandments, and have my Converſation as becometh his Goſpel; that I may daily grow in Grace, and be continually advancing in the Ways of Righteouſneſs and true Holineſs, till I become perfect in every good Word and Work.

O Lord! ſuffer no Affections to dwell in me, but what are pleaſing in thy Sight: Endue me with an honeſt and upright Mind, that I may abſtain from all Appearance of Evil. Let no worldly

worldly Intereſt or Advantage ever tempt me to the leaſt Injuſtice, or turn me aſide to the Ways of Fraud and Oppreſſion; but in the Uſe of honeſt and lawful Means, give me Grace to depend upon thy Providence, and to reſt contented under all the Diſpenſations of thy infinite Wiſdom and Goodneſs; and though Thou ſhouldſt ſee fit to deprive me of any, or even all the Comforts of this Life; yet, O gracious Father, leave me not deſtitute, I beſeech Thee, of thoſe Things that accompany Salvation, nor deny me thy Favour, which is better than Life itſelf: Whatever Thou ſeeſt fit to deprive me of, O take not from me, I beſeech Thee, the Comforts of thy Holy Spirit; but in all the Troubles and Diſappointments of this World, in all the Calamities and Trials I ſhall meet with here, be Thou my only Refuge and Support, my Stay and Truſt, my Saviour and mighty Deliverer; ſtand by me in all Trials, ſuccour me in every Temptation, ſupport me in Diſcouragements, and adviſe me in all difficult Caſes: but above all, O Lord, I moſt earneſtly beſeech Thee, that when the Time of my Diſſolution draws nigh, and all

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Things here begin to fail me, Thou wouldſt then vouchſafe to ſtrengthen and ſupport me, and at laſt receive me into thy bleſſed Kingdom. Keep me, I moſt humbly beſeech Thee, this Day from all Evil; and grant, that being in Safety under thy Protection, I may be always holy and acceptable in thy Sight, in and through the Merits of my dear Redeemer, who in his holy Goſpel has taught me to ſay;

Our Father, &c.

To be added to the Morning Prayer on the Lord's Day.

IN an humble and thankful Senſe of thy Goodneſs, O Lord, I am going to thy Houſe, there to preſent my Soul and Body to Thee, in the Aſſembly of thy Saints.

Let thy Holy Spirit compoſe my Mind to a ſerious and devout Attention in all the Parts of thy divine Service: Let me praiſe thy Name with Chearfulneſs, pray unto Thee with Earneſtneſs, hear thy Word with Reverence, and practiſe it with Faithfulneſs; and vouchſafe more fully to inform me of

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my Duty, to correct and amend what is amiss in me, to encourage and strengthen my good Resolutions, and to assist me in all Well-doing for the Time to come; that so growing every Day better and better by my Communion with Thee, I may become such as Thou canst love and delight in, and wilt reward at the great Day, for the Sake of the Lord JESUS. *Amen.*

" That your whole Life may be the
" more exact, and you may have less
" to do, when you set a Time apart
" for more solemn Examination; I
" would advise you every Night to put
" some such Questions as these to your-
" self, which for your Use I tran-
" scribed chiefly out of that excellent
" Book, entitled, *A Companion for the*
" *Festivals and Fasts of the Church.*"

Short Heads of Examination for the Evening.

HOW have I spent the Day past? What Sin have I committed?

Have I performed my Morning Devotions? And how?

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Have I reſigned myſelf to the all-wiſe Government and Diſpoſal of God, to be ordered and ruled by Him, and to do his Will?

Where other Opportunities have offered themſelves, how have I behaved myſelf in Relation to them?

Have I converſed with Candor, Affability and Sincerity?

Have I kept at a Diſtance from Slander and Evil-ſpeaking?

Have I had ſufficient Care in my Commendation of others, ſo as to give no Encouragement to any evil Practice?

How have I employed or improved my Time?

If I have engaged in Affairs, with what Honeſty and Fidelity have I diſcharged them?

If I have diverted myſelf, have I done it innocently, and within the Bounds of Chriſtian Moderation?

Have I been guilty of any Exceſs in Eating, or Drinking, or Sleep?

What Mercies have I received? How thankful have I been, and am I, for them?

What Temptations have I reſiſted?

What Ground have I got of the Sin that doth moſt eaſily beſet me?

How

How have I governed my Paſſions in the little Accidents that daily happen to provoke me?

What Opportunities have I had of doing Good? And how have I improved them?

What Opportunities have I had of diſcouraging Evil? And how have I oppoſed it?

" To theſe Queſtions you may add " ſuch others as you find uſeful. If " you recollect the whole Time of the " Day from your Riſing (for which a " few Minutes before your Evening De- " votions will ſuffice) you will very " eaſily be enabled to anſwer the pre- " ceeding Queſtions; and when you " have done this, you muſt heartily " beg GOD's Pardon for any Sins you " have been guilty of, and ſhew your- " ſelf thankful for thoſe Bleſſings, re- " ſpecting either this or another Life, " which He hath beſtowed on you. " For a more particular Examination, " ſee a Book entitled, *A new Manual* " *of Devotion, in Three Parts.* Part II."

An Evening Prayer for a Person in private.

O Eternal and infinitely glorious God, the great Creator, gracious Preserver, and wise Governor of the World; I thy sinful and unworthy servant, fall down before Thee at this time, to present my Prayers and Supplications to thy divine Majesty.

I admire and adore the incomprehensible Perfections of thy Nature, and gratefully acknowledge thy marvellous and undeserved Goodness towards me and all thy Creatures: I have nothing, O Lord, but what I have received from Thee: Thou freely gavest me my Being, and madest me capable to know, love, serve, and enjoy Thee for ever; Thou hast continued to me the Being which Thou at first gavest me, delivering me from a Multitude of Evils, and bestowing Mercies and Favours upon me, both for my Soul and Body, more than I can number: O that I had made Returns to Thee in any Measure suitable to the Benefits I have received from Thee; that I had employed all thy Gifts, to thy Honour and Glory, and never

never abuſed any of thoſe Talents intruſted to me. But alas! I with Shame acknowledge, that I have been guilty of great Ingratitude towards Thee; I have been an unprofitable and unworthy Servant; I have neglected my Duty, followed the Inclinations of my corrupt Nature, and inſtead of loving and delighting in Thee, I have been eager and paſſionate after the Things of this World.

Let thy Goodneſs and Forbearance, O Lord, lead me to Repentance, and though I have rendered myſelf unworthy of the leaſt of all thy Mercies; yet for the Sake of thy beloved Son, in whom Thou art well pleaſed, ſpare me, O good Lord ſpare me, and be not angry with me for ever. Waſh away all my Sins in that Fountain which Thou haſt opened for Sin and Uncleanneſs, that there may be nothing to interpoſe between thy Mercy and my poor Soul.

Lay not to my Charge, O merciful God, the Sins which I have this Day committed; *(Name them in particular)* and not only pardon them, but give me Grace from henceforwards entirely to leave and forſake them, and to amend

amend my Life according to thy holy Word.

Make me always mindful, that Thou art every where present, and knowest my most secret Thoughts; that I may fear to offend Thee, and bring every Thought and Desire to the Obedience of thy Will.

Possess me, O Lord, with a lively Sense of the Frailty of my Life, the Certainty of a Judgment to come, the unspeakable Glories of Heaven, and the most dreadful Torments of Hell, that I may in good Earnest set about the great Work of my Salvation, and never be so foolish as to prefer the Pleasures of Sin, which are but for a Season, before that everlasting Fulness of Joy, which is in thy Presence for evermore.

Grant, O Lord, that duly considering the vast Disproportion which is betwixt this Life and my eternal State, I may live as becomes the Gospel of Christ, working out my Salvation with the greatest Care and Circumspection, that when the great and terrible Day of the Lord shall come, I may be accepted by Him, and admitted to the Inheritance of the Saints in Light.

Cauſe the Light of thy glorious Goſpel to ſhine throughout the World, and the Borders of thy Son's Kingdom to be enlarged, by a ſpeedy Converſion of *Jews*, *Turks*, and *Infidels*. O let the Wickedneſs of the Wicked come to an End, and do Thou eſtabliſh and increaſe the Juſt.

Remove all Diſſentions and Diviſions among Chriſtians, and bring in the Practice of univerſal Holineſs, Peace and Love. Be more eſpecially gracious to this Church and Nation to which I belong: And herein to our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE; fill him with ſound Wiſdom, godly Zeal, and all other Chriſtian Virtues, that He may be a Terror to evil Doers, and a Rewarder of them that do well. Bleſs their Royal Highneſſes *George* Prince of *Wales*, the Princeſs Dowager of *Wales*, the Duke, the Princeſſes, and all the Royal Family.

Extend thy Compaſſion to all that labour under any Affliction; ſend Relief to thoſe that are in Want, Eaſe to thoſe that are in Pain, and Deliverance to the Oppreſſed and Perſecuted, eſpecially thoſe that ſuffer for Righteouſneſs Sake. I beg thy Grace and Mercy for all my Friends and Relations, for all that pro-

for me, or have desired my Prayers; particularly—

Give me, O Lord, the comfortable Refreshment of a quiet and undisturbed Sleep. Defend me from all Evil, and from the Fear and Dread of any. Keep me more especially from the Evil of Sin, and the Assaults of my spiritual Enemies, and let thy Goodness follow me all the Days of my Life, for JESUS CHRIST's Sake, in whose Name and Words I continue to pray.

Our Father, &c.

To be added on Sunday *Evening.*

ACCEPT, O Lord, of that Dedication, I have made of my Soul and Body to Thee, with Prayers and Praises in the publick Congregation. Pardon all the wandering and evil Thoughts, and all the unfit Actions I may have been guilty of in my Attendance upon Thee. Preserve in me always a religious Sense of Thee, wherever I am, or whatever I do, that thy holy Laws may be more deeply graven in my Heart.

O that every Truth I have at any Time learnt, may be faithfully remem-

bred by me, that I may be more diligent in my Calling, more useful in my Conversation, more dutiful to my Relations, and more contented in all Conditions; that running the Way of thy Commandments, I may at length attain thy gracious Promises, and be made Partaker of thy everlasting Kingdom, thro' JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Child, to be used Morning and Evening.

ALmighty GOD, who madest me, and hast preserved me to this Hour; I praise and glorify thy holy Name for all thy Mercies. O look graciously upon me, and bless me; forgive whatever I have done amiss; and give me Grace to remember and put in Practice my baptismal Vow, by renouncing the Devil and all his Works. Incline my Heart to that which is Good, and create in me an utter Dislike and Abhorrence of all Evil. Put thy Fear and thy Love in my Soul, that I may serve Thee, and worship Thee, and keep thy Commandments.

Make me [*dutiful to my Father and Mother*] obedient to my Teachers, humble and reverent to all my Betters; meek

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and courteous to all People: And enable me to do to others, as I would have them do to me.

Preſerve me from bearing Malice or Hatred in my Heart, from Lying and Stealing, Slandering and Evil-ſpeaking, and all evil Thoughts, Words, and Actions. Guide me by thy Holy Spirit, that I may live to thy Glory, and when I die, may attain everlaſting Life.

Lord, bleſs all my Relations and Friends, and ſave and defend them and me from all Dangers *(this Day, Night)* and evermore, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

OUR Father, which art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this Day our daily Bread. And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Morning Prayer for a Young Perſon.

O Eternal GOD, and heavenly Father, Thou art the kind Author of my

Being, be Thou the gracious Guide of my Life; my Age is ſimple and unexperienced, O be Thou pleaſed to inſpire me with true Wiſdom from above, that it may guide and direct me in all my Ways. I am come into a World full of Snares and Temptations, O do Thou fill me with the Knowledge and Love of thy Truth, that it may keep me from the Ways that lead Deſtruction.

I render unto Thee unfeigned Thanks for all the Bleſſings I daily receive from Thee, and for thy particular Preſervation and Refreſhment of me this Night paſt.

O Lord, have Thou Mercy upon me and forgive me all my Sin; and give me Grace to fly all youthful Luſts, and to remember Thee my Creator in the Days of my Youth.

O poſſeſs my Heart with the Fear of Thee, and Dependance upon Thee, Let me always walk as in thy Preſence, conſidering that I muſt one Day die (I know not how ſoon) and render an Account of all the Actions of my Life. Poſſeſs all my Heart, O my GOD, with that natural Tenderneſs for my Parents, and thoſe that have the Care of me, and with the Chriſtian Senſe of my Duty towards them, that my Language may be reſpectful, my

Action

Actions dutiful, and my whole Behaviour such, that I may not increase the Burden and Care of their Lives, but prove a Comfort and Blessing to them.

Bless me, O Lord, in my Learning, and deliver me from Sloth, and Idleness, and ill Company, and from all Dangers both of Body and Soul; and help me daily to increase in Knowledge, and Wisdom, and all Virtue.

I commend to thy divine Providence [*my Father and Mother, my Brethren and Sisters*] all my Friends and Relations, all in this Family, and all Mankind. Vouchsafe us, O gracious GOD, all those Graces and Blessings which Thou knowest to be most needful for us.

Unto Thee, O my GOD, do I dedicate my Soul and Body, beseeching Thee to take them into thy Care and Protection, that they may be always employed in thy Service, and to thy Glory; that having served Thee faithfully in this Life, I may at last attain Life everlasting, through the Merits and Mediation of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer, JESUS CHRIST our Lord; in whose holy Name and Words I present my own, and the Wants of all Mankind; saying, *Our Father*, &c.

An Evening Prayer for a Young Person.

O Almighty God, and merciful Father, who willingly heareſt the Prayers of all that call upon Thee faithfully, I humbly beſeech Thee to pardon whatſoever Thou haſt ſeen amiſs this Day in my Thoughts, Words or Actions, particularly *

* *Here mention Particulars.*

Aſſiſt me, O my God, in making it my conſtant Endeavour to reſiſt and conquer every evil Inclination within me and every Temptation from without.

Help me daily to increaſe in the Knowledge and Love of Thee my God, and of my Saviour Jesus Christ.

Shew me the Way in which I ſhould walk whilſt I am Young, and grant that I may never depart from it.

Bleſs, I pray Thee, whatſoever good Inſtructions have at any Time been given me; help me carefully to remember them, and ſeriouſly to practiſe them, that I may be ever growing in Knowledge in Wiſdom, and in Goodneſs.

Bleſs, and defend, and ſave the King and all the Royal Family, and all Orders of Men amongſt us, from the high-

eſt to the loweſt. Lord give them all Grace in their ſeveral Stations, to be inſtrumental to thy Glory, and the publick Good.

Accept, O Lord, of my humbleſt Praiſe and Thanksgiving for all the Goodneſs Thou haſt this Day, or at any Time, ſhewed me; for all the Helps of preventing or reſtraining Grace Thou haſt vouchſafed me; for whatever I have done, which is in any Meaſure acceptable to Thee; for whatever Progreſs I have made in my Learning; for thy Preſervation of me from all the Miſeries and Dangers which frail Mortality is every Moment expoſed to; particularly for—

Here mention any particular Mercy God has beſtowed upon you.

I humbly commit my Soul and Body to thy Care this Night, begging thy gracious Protection and Bleſſing.

And all theſe Mercies and Bleſſings which I aſk for myſelf, I heartily deſire for all my Relations and Friends, and for all Mankind: Let it pleaſe Thee to guide us all in this Life preſent, and to conduct us ſafe to thy heavenly Kingdom, through JESUS CHRIST our only Lord and Saviour; in whoſe moſt holy

Name and Words, I conclude these my imperfect Prayers. *Our Father*, &c.

A Morning Prayer for a Servant.

O Lord my God, the great Creator and Preserver of all Mankind; I bless and praise thy holy Name for all thy Mercies to my Soul and Body. Thou hast given me another Day, O give me Grace to spend it to thy Honour and Glory: Enable me to Work in it the Work for which Thou hast sent me into the World, before the Night of Death cometh, wherein I cannot work. Grant that I may not increase the Number of my Transgressions, by running heedlesly or knowingly into the Commission of any Sin.

O God, Thou Witnss of all my Actions, and Judge of all my Thoughts and Affections, what would become of me, if Thou shouldst enter into strict Judgment with me! How should I stand before thy Tribunal, covered with the Guilt and Shame of my Sins? Lord, I repent, increase Thou my Repentance. I repent of * —O be Thou reconciled unto me, and pardon me for the Sake of Jesus Christ:

* *Here mention those Sins which most burden thy Conscience.*

CHRIST: And not only pardon my Sins, but deliver me from the Power and Dominion of them: I am conſcious to myſelf of great Weakneſs and Frailty, O do Thou confirm and ſtrengthen me.

Create in me a clean Heart, O GOD, and renew a right Spirit within me: Give me a true Faith, and inflame my Heart with a holy Love, that I may delight in thy Commandments, and walk before Thee in Uprightneſs and Fear, in Faithfulneſs and Honeſty, conſtantly and chearfully depending upon Thee.

Enable me to do the Duty of my Place, not with Eye-ſervice, but with Singleneſs of Heart, as knowing that I ſhall be accountable to Thee at the Day of Judgment, as well for thoſe Duties which I owe my Maſter and Miſtreſs, as for thoſe which are more immediately to be paid to Thee. O Lord, keep me from all opprobrious and reproachful Language, from all Lying and Slandering, and from all unjuſt and deceitful Actions: Make me always thankful, humble, and contented, neither withholding from Thee the Praiſe due to thine infinite Bounty and Mercy; nor from Man, the Thanks due to him for any Act of Kindneſs or Charity towards me.

Help

Help me, O my God, so to walk before Thee, that my Soul may enjoy a true Liberty, that my Life may be full of Comfort, my Death of Peace, and that I may attain eternal Glory, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bless this whole Family to which I belong, and sow in all our Hearts the Seeds of unfeigned Charity, that we may all enjoy the Comfort of a mutual Affection, and of a mutual Assistance and Aid, in our several Places; possess us with a just Sense of our Duty to Thee and Man, that we may be living Members of thy blessed Son; and grant, that being protected by thy Providence, directed by thy Word, and assisted by the Influence of thy Holy Spirit, we may be admitted into thy glorious Kingdom in Heaven, where we shall adore and praise Thee, love and enjoy Thee to all Eternity, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose holy Name and Words I continue to pray:

Our Father, &c.

An Evening Prayer for a Servant.

O My God, my Strength, and the Rock of my Salvation; how does my

my Soul praiſe Thee for thy great Goodneſs, and for all the precious Promiſes of thy Goſpel!

But, O my GOD, I have forgotten Thee, though Thou haſt given me my Being: I have forgotten Thee, though Thou gaveſt thine own Son to redeem me: not only to free me from the Puniſhment due to my Sins, but from the Slavery and Dominion of them, and to procure for me Life eternal; I have feared the Diſpleaſure of Man, whoſe Breath is in his Noſtrils, more than I have feared thine, O Thou juſt and holy Judge of Mankind: I have been more ſolicitous for the Bread that periſhes, than for thy Favour, which is better than Life itſelf: I have ſinned againſt my Knowledge, thy Word, and the Motions of thy Holy Spirit. I have been apt to repine and murmur at thy Providence, and be diſcontented in my Condition, particularly *—But I repent, O my GOD, of all my Sins, and humbly beg the Aſſiſtance of thy Grace, that I may do Works meet for Repentance, and ſerve Thee in Truth, and with an upright Heart, all the Days of my Life.

* *Here mention particular Sins.*

Have

Have Mercy upon me, O Lord, have Mercy upon me, and forgive me all my Offences, and give me Grace to keep upon my Watch, and guard againſt them for the future: Enable me ſincerely to endeavour to reform and amend my Life, that I may every Day grow and increaſe in Goodneſs, and be ſo much the fitter for Death, the nearer I approach to it; and whenever it comes, let it find me, O Lord, in a Diſpoſition and Frame of Spirit fit to die; having an unſhaken Faith, an humble Reſignation and Submiſſion, an holy Contempt of Earth, and a devout Love of Heaven.

Thou haſt called me to be a Servant, but Thou haſt called me to be a Son too, and an Heir of eternal Life; O give me Grace to be contented, and faithfully to diſcharge my Duty. Do Thou, who never ſlumbereſt nor ſleepeſt, watch over me, and this whole Family: Let thine Angels pitch their Tents about us this Night; let us lie down ſecurely, and let our Sleep be ſweet and refreſhing to us, for JESUS CHRIST's Sake; in whoſe Name and Words I beg all Things needful both for myſelf and all Mankind particularly all that I am any Way bounden to pray for. *Our Father*, &c

A Prayer to be used by a Servant at any Time of the Day; or that may be added to any other Devotions.

O Lord my God, Thou hast made me, and dost dispose of all Things in a wise and excellent Order: Thou hast placed me in the Condition of a Servant; O grant that I may discharge the Duties of it zealously and faithfully. Enable me to employ and improve the Talents Thou hast intrusted me with, to thy Glory, and the Good of my own Soul.

Make me useful and serviceable, honest and diligent in the Station to which it has pleased Thee to call me. O suffer me not to fall into any Breach of Trust with Man, lest I fall under the Vengeance of Thee my God.

Keep me, I beseech Thee, from Pride and Frowardness, from Discontent and Murmuring; and give me a meek and humble Spirit.

O Thou Lover of Peace and Concord, enable me to live in brotherly Affection, Unity and Concord with my Fellow-Servants, and grant that we may be a mutual Comfort, and afford mutual Assistances to each other, as well in our spiritual as temporal Concerns.

Lord, let not my Soul, by any Connivance or Encouragement, or any other Act of mine, lie under the Guilt of being the Occaſion of the Diſcontent, or Ruin of any Family or Perſon; but make me an Inſtrument of Peace and Proſperity wherever I am: I know, O Lord, that Humility and Induſtry are Virtues, not ſo pleaſing to a carnal Mind; but do Thou make me ſenſible how great the Recompenſe of Self-denial, and all other Virtues, will one Day be.

Make me, O Lord, to remember that I am always in thy Sight, and that Thou doſt ponder all my Paths, that I may be fully convinced, that both my temporal and eternal Intereſt depends upon the faithful and conſcientious Performance of my Duty; that ſo I may not be ſeduced or diſcouraged by any Temptation whatever; but ſtill looking up to God, and having Regard to the Recompenſe of Reward, I may run with Patience the Race that is ſet before me, thro' JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

Though theſe three laſt Prayers are particularly provided for the Uſe of Servants, yet they may properly make uſe of the other Morning and Evening Prayers for a Perſon in private, when they have Time and Opportunity ſo to do.

A PRAYER *at our first Entrance into the Church.*

LORD, I am now in thy Houſe; aſſiſt, I pray Thee, and accept of my Services. Enable me, and all who ſhall this Day meet in thy Name, to worſhip Thee in Spirit and in Truth. Let thy Holy Spirit help our Infirmities, and diſpoſe our Hearts to Seriouſneſs, Attention and Devotion: and grant, that we may improve this Opportunity to the Honour of thy holy Name, and the Benefit of our Souls, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER *at Church after the Service is ended.*

BLeſſed be thy Name, O Lord, for this Opportunity of attending Thee in thy Houſe and Service.

Grant that I, and all that profeſs thy Name, may be Doers of thy Word, and not Hearers only. Pardon our Wanderings and Imperfections: and accept both us and our Services, through our only Mediator Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

A Grace before Meat.

BLESS to us, O Lord, these thy good Creatures we are now about to receive. Give them Strength to nourish us, and us Grace to serve Thee, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

A Grace after Meat.

WE acknowledge, O GOD, our Dependance upon Thee, and give Thee Thanks for feeding us at this Time, and for all thy other Benefits. [Preserve thy Church, the King, the Royal Family, and these Realms, and grant us Grace and Peace, and Life everlasting] through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

To supply the Want of Prayers for particular Occasions, it is thought convenient to add the following Table.

An Alphabetical TABLE *of the Weekly* COLLECTS *in the Book of* COMMON PRAYER, *reduced under proper Heads.*

A.

AFFLICTION.

PRAYERS for Deliverance from, and Support under *Afflictions*. Collect for the *third* Sunday after the *Epiphany*, *eighth* after *Trinity*, and *fifth* Sunday in *Lent*.

ANGELS.

A *Prayer* for the Guardianship of *Angels*. Collect for St *Michael*.

C.

CHARITY, See LOVE.

CHASTITY.

A *Prayer* for *Chastity*. Collect for the *first* Sunday in *Lent*.

CHRIST.

A *Prayer* for the Imitation of CHRIST. Collect for the Sunday *next* before *Easter*, and the *second* Sunday *after* Easter.

For the Benefit of CHRIST's Death. Collect for the *Annunciation*.

CHURCH.

Prayers for the *Universal Church*. Collect for the *fifth* Sunday after *Epiphany*, the *third* Sunday after *Easter*, St *John* the Evangelist, and the two *first* Collects for *Good-Friday*.

For

For the Unity of the *Church*. Collect fo
St *Simon* and *Jude*.

For the Peace of the *Church*. Collect fo
the *fifth*, *ſixteenth*, and *twenty ſecond* Sunday
after *Trinity*.

COMFORT.

A *Prayer* for Spiritual *Comfort*. Collect fo
the Sunday after the *Aſcenſion*.

CONTRITION.

A *Prayer* for *Contrition*. Collect for *Aſ*
Wedneſday.

COVETOUSNESS.

A *Prayer* againſt *Covetouſneſs*. Collect fo
St *Matthew*'s Day.

COURAGE.

A *Prayer* for *Chriſtian Courage*. Colle
for St *John Baptiſt*.

E.

ENEMIES.

A *Prayer* for Deliverance from *Enemi*
Collect for the *third* Sunday in *Lent*.

EXAMPLES.

Prayers that we may follow the Exam
of CHRIST. Collect for the Sunday *n*
before *Eaſter*, and the *ſecond* Sunday af
Eaſter.

F.

FAITH.

Prayers for a right and firm *Faith*. C
lects for *Trinity* Sunday, St *Thomas*, and
Mark.

For *Faith*, *Hope*, and *Charity*. Collect or the *fourteenth* Sunday after *Trinity*.

G.

GRACE.

Prayers for *Grace* and *Aſſiſtance* in our Chriſtian Courſe. Collect for the *fourth* unday in *Advent*, *ſecond* in *Lent*, *Eaſter*-y, *third* Sunday after *Eaſter*, *firſt*, *ſeventh*, nd *thirteenth* after *Trinity*.

H.

HEAVEN.

A *Prayer* for *heavenly* Deſires. Collect r *Aſcenſion Day*.

For Admittance to the Enjoyment of GOD *Heaven*. Collect for the *Epiphany*, the rth Sunday after *Epiphany*, and the Sunday fter *Aſcenſion*.

HUMILITY.

A *Prayer* for *Humility* and *Patience*. Collect for the Sunday before *Eaſter*.

I.

ILLUMINATION.

Prayers for *Illumination*, or a right Judgent in all Things. Collect for *Whitſunday*, ſt Sunday after *Epiphany*, and the *ninth* af- *Trinity*.

JUDGMENT.

Prayers for Deliverance from *Judgments*. ollect for *Septuageſima*, *Sexageſima*, and the rth Sunday in *Lent*.

LOVE.

L.

LOVE.

Prayers for the *Love* of GOD and his Laws. Collect for the *fourth* Sunday after *Easter*, and the *sixth*, *seventh*, and *fourteenth* after *Trinity*.

For *Love and Charity*. Collect for *Quinquagesima* Sunday.

M.

MINISTERS.

A *Prayer* for the Fitness of *Ministers*. Collect for St. *Matthias*.

That they may be diligent. Collect for St *Peter*'s Day.

That their Labours may be successful. Collect for the *third* Sunday in *Advent*.

MORTIFICATION.

Prayers for *Mortification*. Collect for the *Circumcision*, and *Easter-Eve*.

O.

OBEDIENCE.

Prayers that we may obey, and follow the Doctrine of the Apostles. Collect for the Conversion of St. *Paul*, and St *John Baptist*. See GOOD WORKS.

P.

PRAYER.

For the Acceptance of our *Prayers*. Collect for the *tenth* Sunday after *Trinity*.

PROVIDENCE

PROVIDENCE.

Prayers for *Protection* by GOD's *Providence*. Collect for the *second*, *third*, *fourth*, and *twentieth* Sundays after *Trinity*.

PURITY.

A *Prayer* for *Purity* of Heart. Collect for the *Purification*.

R.

REGENERATION.

A *Prayer* for it. Collect for *Chriſtmas-Day*.

RELIGION.

A *Prayer* that we may be *truly* Religious. Collect for the *ſeventh* Sunday after *Trinity*.

S.

SAINTS.

Prayers for the *Imitation* of them. Collect for *Innocents-Day*, St *Stephen*, St *Philip*, St *James*, St *John Baptiſt*, and *All-Saints*.

SCRIPTURE.

A *Prayer* before Reading the *Scripture*. Collect for the *ſecond* Sunday in *Advent*.

SIN.

Prayers for *Converſion* from *Sin*. Collect for the *firſt* Sunday in *Advent*, the *firſt* Sunday after *Eaſter*, St *Andrew*, St *James*, and St *Matthew*.

For Pardon of *Sin*. Collect for the *twelfth*, *twenty firſt*, and *twenty fourth* Sundays after *Trinity*.

SINCERITY.

A *Prayer* for it. Collect for the *third* Sunday after *Eaſter*.

HOLY

HOLY SPIRIT.

Prayers for the Direction of the *Holy Spirit*. Collect for the *nineteenth* Sunday after *Trinity*, and *fifth* after *Easter*.

T.

TEMPTATIONS.

Prayers for *Deliverance* from, and *Support* under *Temptations*. Collect for the *fourth* Sunday after *Epiphany*, and the *second* in *Lent*.

THOUGHTS.

A *Prayer* againſt evil *Thoughts*. Collect for the *fifth* Sunday after *Easter*.

U.

UNBELIEVERS.

A *Prayer* for *Jews*, *Turks*, *Infidels*, and *Heretics*. The *third* Collect for *Good Friday*.

W.

GOOD WORKS.

Prayers for Fruitfulneſs in *Good Works*. Collect for the *fifth* Sunday after *Easter*, and the *first*, *ninth*, *eleventh*, *thirteenth*, *seventeenth*, and *twenty fifth* Sundays after *Trinity*.

FINIS.